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JAN 09 2007**REMARKS**

The Examiner again is thanked for the indication of allowable subject matter.

FORMAL DRAWINGS

The Examiner is asked to confirm that the formal drawings filed on September 22, 2006, are acceptable and have been entered into the file.

CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

A Change of Correspondence Address form (identifying Customer No. 50086) has been previously submitted; the Office is still using an old address, and it is requested to use the address associated with this Customer Number for further communications.

THE SECTION 101 REJECTION

The § 101 rejection has been addressed by modifying independent claim 12 and new independent claim 18 to describe a server comprising a processor, and a computer-readable medium having processor-executable instructions for performing the recited process steps. This claim structure is believed to comply with the MPEP Guidelines for § 101, as the processing-related functions are now positively associated with a "computer-readable medium."

THE SECTION 103 REJECTION

The rejection of claims 12-15, 17 and 19 under § 103 as being unpatentable over McCanne, U.S. Patent No. 6,785,704, in view of Aklepi et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,795,823, is acknowledged. Nevertheless, because this application is on a final rejection and allowed subject matter has been indicated, the pending rejection cannot be addressed in this case at this time. Rather, and to advance this current prosecution to a close, claim 16 has been cancelled and written into independent form (by virtue of the amendments to claim 12), and claim 18 has been rewritten into independent form.

In view of the Examiner's statement that claims 16 and 18 would be allowed if rewritten into independent form, all pending claims should now be in condition for prompt allowance.

Please charge any additional claim fees due to Deposit Account No. 50-1269 in the name of Akamai Technologies, Inc.


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For the above reasons, a Notice of Allowance as to claims 1- 14 and 17-19 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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